

Today

Have You Bought It?
Money Has Many Friends.
How Much Is One Billion?
The Biggest 'Eye' In the World.
Have YOU Bought a Bond?

Edward Laurence Doheny, of California and other places, just now in Washington, is a good sample of a Liberty bond buyer.

He bought a million in bonds for himself.

Then a quarter of a million for his son, Lieutenant Doheny.

Then a quarter of a million for his wife, then a million dollars' worth for one of his companies, the Mexican Petroleum.

And then, for good measure, a million and a half of bonds for another of his companies, the Pan-American Petroleum, of which he individually owns fifty-eight per cent. Four millions in all.

To buy for yourself, each member of your family, and each of your business enterprises is to do the right thing in the right way.

Doheny says, "I have done less than the poor woman who denies herself and buys one fifty-dollar bond." Also the right spirit.

There is one good thing about an American billion. It is real money, and will buy anything anywhere. In peace times one American billion equals four German billions of marks. And in war time the German billion will buy only what the Germans themselves can be compelled to sell—and they haven't much left, except their labor, weakened by starvation.

Let this loan impress upon your mind the power of numbers and the advantage of being a BIG people.

About five billions of dollars our people have gathered together in a few days—and if necessary they will gather fifty billions more.

What IS one billion? How long would it take you to save up that amount of money?

If you had saved one dollar every minute since the beginning of Christianity nineteen hundred and seventeen years ago, you would have to continue saving for ten thousand years more before you got up toward your FIRST BILLION.

A respectable sum is a billion dollars. And a very acute pain it gives our Prussian friends when they realize that FIFTY BILLIONS is the annual income of the United States.

Hoover says: "Hogs, wheat, and sheep win the war." Our office boy who tries to have "one thought a day," says: "Hogs will lose the war—I mean the Prussians."

At Mount Wilson Observatory scientists are working with their new one hundred-inch mirror—the largest telescope in the world. What this cosmic eye will show to men will interest our little race of international murderers, long after this war and others shall have been forgotten.

Have you noticed the terrific excitement caused in New York City by Mr. Clark's statement that New York financiers were trying to injure the loan?

New York financiers have brains enough to know that the success of the loan is more important to THEM than to anybody else, and Mr. Clark has been deceived. But how interesting to observe the wild excitement, the righteous indignation, when somebody of importance happens to say something against MONEY.

If Champ Clark had criticized five millions of the ordinary little people that live in New York City, not a word would have been heard from these sensitive gentlemen, who yell and shriek because it is hinted that financiers were doing their best.

Money has plenty of able, willing defenders. Human beings have few.

"We're attacking France, and soon we shall have Paris," said the Kaiser. And he didn't do it.

"We're attacking Russia, and soon they will make peace," said the Kaiser, and it didn't happen.

"We're fighting England underneath the water with our submarines and soon she will be on her knees begging for mercy," said the Kaiser. That hasn't happened.

"We're attacking Italy, with all our grand savagery, and soon she will rue the day that she turned against us," says the Kaiser now. And THAT won't happen.

The Hohenzollern gentleman will discover that such a man as Cadorna, DEFENDING HIS OWN COUNTRY, is worth many Prussian bullies trying to create an imperial throne for one of the Kaiser's mongrel sons.

Burlesque's rules for newspapers are plain enough. You can't discourage American fighters. Can't advocate treason, resistance to the country's laws. Can't stir up dissatisfaction among the country's fighters.

Anybody who objects to these regulations should print his newspaper in Germany.

A small dynamite bomb landing on his favorite pig will do more than anything else to convince the Prussian peasant that the Kaiser is an undesirable.

Good afternoon.
Begin saving now for the next bond issue.

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U. S. TROOPS GO INTO FIRST LINE TRENCHES

Official Announcement By General Pershing Says That Sammies Have Fired Their First Shots Against the Enemy--Men Went to the Trenches Singing Famous Civil War Song

By J. W. PEGLER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, OCT. 27.—American troops are in the front line trenches and American artillery is behind them.

Official announcement of this fact was made in the following statement from headquarters today:

"In continuation of their training as a nucleus for the instruction of later

contingents, some battalions of our first contingent, in association with veteran French battalions are in the first line trenches of a quiet sector of the French front.

"They are supported by some batteries of our artillery, in association with veteran French batteries.

"The sector remains normal. Our men have adapted themselves to actual trench conditions in a most satisfactory manner."

END OF WAR NOT IN SIGHT, GOVERNMENT HEADS WARN

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
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When will the war end? Prophecy and prediction go unheeded nowadays because the factors are so multiplex as to make forecasts seem mere guesses. But there are certain tangible facts on which a judgment of the maximum and minimum duration of the war can be based.

Those facts are available only to the officials of the United States Government. It is neither wise nor necessary that publicity be given to them, but certain conclusions, certain inferences, certain opinions can be drawn from an analysis of what the true facts of the war tell.

The writer has canvassed officials, high and low—all men whose opinion might seem to be worth while, at any rate the well-informed individuals whose names if given would carry weight with the average man.

There are more people who assert definitely when the war will not be over than when it will be. There are more persons in the Government who can advise you what the United States and the allies intend to do in the next three years than can possibly forecast what will happen inside of Germany in the next three years.

Two Methods.

Two methods of approaching a judgment are invariably given—one, the military and economic powers of endurance of the central powers, and, two, the military and economic resources or future strength of the United States and the allies. Taking the first, it can be definitely stated that most people in Washington do not know a thing about internal conditions in Germany. They cannot say positively that German power is weakening or that her remarkable interior organization is disintegrating. They literally do not know. If President Wilson knows, there is nothing to indicate that he believes Germany is beaten or on the verge of collapse. "Balked, but not defeated," was the way he expressed it.

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CUBANS HAVE TAKEN \$1,500,000 OF LOAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Cubans have subscribed \$1,500,000 to the Liberty loan, according to an announcement today by the Republic of Cuba News Bureau here.

DISTRICT SURE OF LOAN QUOTA AS THOUSANDS SEEK BONDS

Indications this afternoon are that the national subscription to the Liberty loan will reach \$5,000,000,000, and that the District's subscription will exceed the \$20,000,000 allotted for the city.

Official returns show that the twelve Federal reserve district banks had subscriptions totaling \$2,750,105,000 when they opened their books today. Inasmuch as this total includes only sales upon which 2 per cent deposits have been paid, the figures are far below the amount of the actual sales. A margin of at least a billion dollars must be given, officials declared.

The total subscription in the District to date is \$17,005,100.

Washingtonians, this is your last chance.

Step up and buy a bond. All Washington is asked to rally for the Liberty loan on the Ellipse today for the final big feature of the greatest money campaign the Capital has ever seen.

Secretary McAdoo is to speak at this meeting, as is Solicitor General Davis, of the Department of Justice. Music will be furnished by a huge composite band of 300 pieces, under the leadership of Director Santelmann, of the Marine Band.

For the benefit of the last-minute buyers every bank and trust company will keep open tonight until they keep coming to buy bonds.

Millions Yet Needed.

Washington has several million yet to go to meet its maximum quota and to take a place in the front rank among the cities.

The official returns issued this morning by the Treasury Department for the Federal reserve districts follow:

Boston, \$330,100,000.
New York, \$1,175,000,000.
Philadelphia, \$102,020,000.
Cleveland, \$226,000,000.
Richmond, \$114,470,000.
Atlanta, \$33,345,000.
Chicago, \$271,250,000.
St. Louis, \$93,844,000.
Minneapolis, \$100,250,000.
Kansas City, \$57,980,000.
Dallas, \$37,105,000.
San Francisco, \$108,535,000.
Total, \$2,750,105,000.

Held Rally at 3:30.

The final loan rally on the Ellipse this afternoon is to be held at 3:30 o'clock. All of the departments will be there.

FIRST SHOT FIRED IN EARLY MORN

With American Sammies fighting in the trenches side by side with French poilus, a red-headed artillery captain and his husky gunners will share the fame of firing the first shell sent by an American battery in the fight for democracy. The captain gave the gunner a command—the gunner jerked the lanyard, and America's first shot against German autocracy screamed toward a German battery. It was precisely at 6 o'clock. The morning was a misty one.

The American infantry restlessly waited during a certain day while the American gunners were at their part of the work. They remained in their billets behind the lines until evening. Then they swung through the rain-swept muddy street of a tiny village, their

shadowy forms disappearing down the road toward the trenches.

Some attempted to sing "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching." It was just starting when others shouted—

"Shut up! The Boches will hear you!"

Then silence fell—except for the rumbling of the rolling kitchen that kept pace with the soft shuffle of the feet of the marching detachment.

The shell case of the first shot fired for America in the world's greatest war is en route to President Wilson today. Major General Sibert ordered that it be preserved for him.

Just five civilians—all newspaper correspondents—witnessed the first American troops marching to the trenches.

BAKER ELATED BY NEWS FROM FRONT

Secretary of War Baker declined to add any further information to General Pershing's announcement of the presence of American troops in the first line trenches in France.

Baker was manifestly a happy man, how-

ever, at the realization that the American army is now physically in the fight.

Baker's last weekly war summary, it will be recalled, intimated that the American forces were about ready for action. When other units of the Pershing expedition will be added is a matter of military secrecy.

Congratulations to President Wilson Once More, and to His Fighting Men, Baker and Daniels

Americans are at work at the front, taking part in the fighting that must be done. They have been carried across the ocean without accident and stand one hundred per cent efficient in the front row of the battle. A great achievement to the credit of an earnest EFFICIENT administration. Billions here, READY, and fighting men there READY. Democracy's war begins well.

THE TIMES.

TEUTONS TAKE DEFENSES OF 60,000 TROOPS LAON CRUMBLE PRISONERS ON UNDER BLOWS ITALIAN FRONT OF GEN. PETAIN

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 27.—Sixty thousand Italian prisoners have been captured in the German drive against General Cadorna's army, the war office announced today.

"The Stol Mountain ridge and the summit of Mount Matajur were captured Thursday morning," the statement declared. "We are pressing through the spurs of the Julian Alps."

FIVE GERMANS, WHO ESCAPED, CAUGHT IN GEORGIA TOWN

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 27.—Five Germans, who escaped from Fort McPherson Tuesday were captured by officers near Surrency, Ga., within fifty miles of the coast, during the night. They were in almost pitiable condition from lack of food and exposure.

Seven of the ten prisoners have now been recaptured but Lieut. Hans Berg, commander of the Appam, is still at liberty.

Change of Schedule, Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.
Effective Sunday, October 28th, train now leaving Washington at 2:00 P. M. will leave at 2:15 P. M. A new train will leave at 10:15 P. M. arriving at Cincinnati 4:05 P. M. No change in the train now leaving at 11:00 P. M.—Advt.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Field Marshal Haig's men hammered their way still further into the German lines today.

"West of Passchendaele we further progressed," the British commander-in-chief reported. "Eighteen machine guns were captured."

PARIS, Oct. 27.—The defenses of Laon, one of Germany's chief key positions on the western front, are crumbling beneath the steady blows of the French.

Striking simultaneously north of the Aisne river and in west Flanders the French gained at both points, but the most important advance was on the Aisne front.

Gains Extended.
In this sector the French occupied and passed the fortified village of Filain and are extending their gains on the plateau north of Chevreigny. They are within easy artillery range of the city of Laon and the German positions there are being battered by heavy guns.

(Laon is the chief bastion supporting the southern end of the Hindenburg line. Formerly it was the headquarters of the German army that lay nearest to Paris, but it is understood that the headquarters were long since removed. Laon is on high ground, and if it is taken the Germans probably will have to retire on a wide front.)

1,000 Prisoners Taken.
During the last twenty-four hours the French and British armies on the west Flanders front have taken more

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YESTERDAY
The Washington Times
GAINED

9,095 Lines of Advertising (32 cols.)

Over the Corresponding Day (Oct. 27) Last Year

NOTE—The statement of gain printed in the earlier edition today was incorrect. In the reckoning of advertising space of yesterday's Times a page advertisement was temporarily overlooked.

EDGAR D. SHAW,
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